

BBAC Special Meeting Minutes – 5/25/16 - Final

MINUTES of the **BROWN BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **Wednesday, May 25th, 2016**

Governmental Center
County Training Room– 2nd Floor
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

Present: Deni Scrudato, Chair, Marge Forgione; Michael Kreft; Paul Maxbauer; Dave Downer; Ed Flees; Dave Green, Dir. Dept. of Public Services; Amy Shamroe; City Commissioners: Jamie Kidwell-Brix; and Kathleen Kasdorf.

Absent: Nelson Asper, Vice Chair; Judy Nemitz

Others Present: GTCD Staff - Steve Largent and Reb Ratliff; DJ Shook –GT Band/NRCS; and four Traverse City Central High School and West Senior High School students

- I Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scrudato at 5:19 pm.
1. **Introductions** – Everyone introduced themselves including the four high school students who were attending for class purposes. Largent gave the students a brief background regarding the purpose of the meeting.
 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Shamroe; 2nd by Maxbauer to approve the Agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

II D. Downer Presentation – (Downer)

Downer asked why a permit was applied for before receiving input from the BBAC. Largent responded that he has been giving the BBAC updates for the past year. Shook added that the GT Band had received written approval from former City Manager Ben Bifoss and that this project is an extension of the dam removal project. Downer passed around pictures of erosion that he took a few days prior. Discussion ensued.

III Instream Habitat Wood Project

Shook explained how the project would proceed. The BBAC expressed concerns regarding sediment control, safety factors for paddlers, and liability during and after installation. Flees and Downer asked if sediment traps will be in place, to which Shook said “no” that very little sediment was expected to be released from the project. Downer asked that prospective bidders be asked to describe what method(s) they will implement to limit environmental damage. Flees asked about kayaker/canoer safety and expressed liability concerns. It was mentioned that the City’s liability potential should be looked into further.

Action Item 5-1: District staff to contact City Manager regarding the City’s liability potential.

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Maxbauer expressed concerns that the habitat wood project was related to the passage of non-native Great Lakes fish.

Maxbauer and Scrudato both requested additional photos and documentation of similar projects that may help give a better sense of what the project work will look like. Kreft asked if the large wood structures will reduce net sediment transport through the project area over the following years, to which Shook replied 'yes' and said there is documentation stating so in the report. A brief discussion occurred on the importance of floodplain wetlands.

Action Item 5-2: District staff will follow-up with Shook to obtain a copy of habitat toe-wood design documents in the original plans and examples of similar projects to give the BBAC a better idea of what the structures will look like.

IV Public Comment (Scrudato) - None

Additional BBAC Comments:

- Downer said that he is going to talk to an attorney because he is sure that the project is illegal.
- Scrudato stated that ArchAngel's black willow cuttings should be re-considered for use on the bottomlands.
- Ratliff proposed having the June 16th meeting near the project area. The idea was well received.

V Adjournment (Scrudato)

Next Meeting
ANNUAL POTLUCK
Thursday June 16th, 2016
5:00 PM - Buck's Landing

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Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by S. Largent and R. Ratilff.